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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: SYG WALDHEIM-ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, APRIL 21

1. SUMMARY: SYG WALDHEIM AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES
DISCUSSED UN PERSONNEL QUESTIONS APRIL 21. ACCOUNT OF
MEETING FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING TALKS WITH SYG WALDHEIM THE AFTERNOON OF
APRIL 21 ASST. SEC. MAYNES RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE
RELATIONSHIP OF THE FAO WITH INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD), WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
(WFC), AND THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP). WHILE ACKNOW-
LEDGING THAT FAO DG SAOUMA HAD A RIGHT TO DEFEND FAO
INTERESTS JUST AS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO
DEFEND THEIRS, MAYNES SAID THE US FELT THAT THE FAO
SEEMED TO BE WORKING AGAINST THE WFC AND IFAD WHILE
ENCROACHING UPON THE WFP. CITING EXAMPLES, MAYNES
SAID THE US HAD RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ROME WHICH HAVE
LED TO CONCERN ABOUT COORDINATION BETWEEN THE FAO AND
IFAD AND WFC. MAYNES ALSO NOTED THAT DG SAOUMA HAD
RECENTLY APPOINTED AN AMERICAN DEPUTY WITHOUT CON-
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SULTING WITH THE US. CONTINUING, MAYNES CITED DG
SAOUMA'S ATTEMPT TO TERMINATE THE INDUSTRY COOPERATION
PROGRAM. SYG WALDHEIM INTERJECTED THAT HE HAD ISSUED
THE ORDER TO COUNTERMAND THAT TERMINATION.

3. MAYNES SAID IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT
THE US FOUND ITSELF DISTURBED AT THE APPOINTMENT OF

BRITO (BRAZIL) AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFP. THE US VIEWED THIS AS AN ATTEMPT BY DG SAOUMA TO EXTEND FAO INTERESTS IN THE WFP. SYG REPLIED THAT WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VOGEL HAD ASKED FOR BRITO. WALDHEIM ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED OF THE US' OPPOSITION TO THE BRITO APPOINTMENT BUT SAID THE US HAD "NEVER GIVEN ANY CONCRETE REASONS." MAYNES ANSWERED THAT THE US BELIEVED VOGEL WAS UNDER "TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM SAOUMA" TO ACCEPT BRITO. THE US OPPOSED BRITO BECAUSE HE WASN'T THE PROPER MAN FOR THE JOB. MAYNES NOTED THAT VOGEL HAD ADMITTED BRITO DID NOT HAVE THE DESIRED QUALIFICATION FOR THE POSITION BUT HE COULD LEARN. WALDHEIM RESPONDED THAT VOGEL HAD NEVER TOLD HIM BRITO WAS UNQUALIFIED OR THAT SAOUMA HAD PRESSURED HIM. IF VOGEL HAD SAID BRITO WAS UNQUALIFIED, HE (BRITO) WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. MAYNES SAID THAT REPORTS FROM US FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DEALT WITH BRITO STATED THAT HE WAS UNRELIABLE AND INSINCERE. SINCE BRITO WAS THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE WFP THE US WAS GREATLY CONCERNED, ALL THE MORE SO SINCE THE US WAS THE WFP'S LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR.

4. TURNING TO THE REPLACEMENT OF JOHN HANNAH AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WFC, MAYNES SAID THE US HAD AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR THAT POSITION IN THE PERSON OF MAURICE WILLIAMS. WITH RESPECT TO THIS, HE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTED THE DECLINE IN RECENT YEARS IN THE NUMBER OF AMCITS IN "FOOD" POSITIONS. SYG RESPONDED THAT HE HAD MADE "NO DECISION AS YET" WITH RESPECT TO THE POSITION AND THAT HE MUST CONSULT WITH SAOUMA FIRST. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT THE UK HAD A CANDIDATE (KEARNES) BUT THAT HE WAS "NOT IMPRESSED WITH HIM." WALDHEIM NOTED FURTHER THAT THE G-77 IN ROME HAD WRITTEN TO THE G-77 IN NEW YORK ASKING THAT IT INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF A THIRD WORLD CANDIDATE. WALDHEIM WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS WOULD BE FOR THE BANGLADESHI CANDIDATE (AHMED). CONTINUING, WALDHEIM SAID THE CANDIDACY OF WILLIAMS HAD COME RELATIVELY LATE. HE ADDED THAT THE NORWEGIAN CANDIDATE (AASLAND) WAS "NOT TOO GOOD." WALDHEIM HOPED WILLIAMS' CANDIDATURE WOULD NOT MEET WITH THE RESISTANCE OF THE G-77. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS "NOT AGAINST WILLIAMS" AND STATED THAT SINCE TWO AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE CURRENTLY HEADED BY G-77 PEOPLE, A DEVELOPED COUNTRY PERSON WAS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN BALANCE.

5. MOVING TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI), MAYNES SAID THAT WITH THE RETIREMENT OF BILL POWELL

THE US HAD LOST A D-2 POSITION BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SYG WANTED TO REPLACE HIM WITH SOMEONE (STAJDUHAR, YUGOSLAVIA) FROM OPI. MAYNES ALSO REMINDED THE SYG THAT THE US HAD LOST A D-1 POST OF CHIEF OF VISUAL SERVICES WHEN IRVING HAYWARD RETIRED AND THAT ROBERT KENNEY (D-1) WILL BE RETIRING AS CHIEF OF PUBLICATIONS. AS A RESULT, HE HOPED THAT STAJDUHAR'S AND KENNEY'S POSITIONS COULD BOTH BE FILLED BY AMCITS. MAYNES NOTED OPI ASYG AKATANI HAS SAID THERE SHOULD NOT BE A REDUCTION OF AMERICANS AT THE D-LEVEL IN OPI. WALDHEIM RESPONDED THAT POWELL WAS LEAVING

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BECAUSE OF HIS RECENT ILLNESS WHICH WAS UNDERSTAND-
ABLE. WALDHEIM THEN SAID HE WOULD APPOINT AN AMERICAN,
MICHAEL MARLOWE, TO STAJDUHAR'S FORMER POSITION. UNDP
DIRECTOR BRADFORD MORSE HAD HIGHLY RECOMMENDED MARLOWE,
AN INFORMATION OFFICER OF A "US DEVELOPMENT AGENCY"
CURRENTLY IN DC ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM. WALDHEIM SAID
HE BELIEVED THE D-1 POSITION SHOULD GO TO AN AMERICAN
SINCE HE WOULD BE THE SYG'S "SPOKESMAN TO THE ENGLISH-
SPEAKING COUNTRIES" AS STAJDUHAR IS FOR THE THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES AND GIULIANI (FRANCE) IS FOR THE FRANCOPHONES.

6. MAYNES INFORMED THE SYG THE US HAD TWO CANDIDATES
FOR THE SLOANE POSITION (D-2, DIRECTOR, GENERAL LEGAL
DIVISION), ROBERT ROSENSTOCK AND RICHARD SCOTT. WALDHEIM
TURNED TO HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT RAFEEUDDIN AHMED AND
SAID "RAFFI, KEEP THIS IN MIND."

7. MAYNES REMINDED THE SYG THAT DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

(D-2) BILL ZIEHL HAS ASKED TO BE EXTENDED BEYOND HIS JULY RETIREMENT AND THE US HOPED THE EXTENSION WOULD BE GRANTED. WALDHEIM SAID THAT IF ASYG COMPTROLLER DEBATIN WERE IN FAVOR, HE HAD "NO OBJECTION." MAYNES REPLIED THAT DEBATIN WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH AN EXTENSION. CONFIDENTIAL

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8. LASTLY, MAYNES BROUGHT UP THE CANDIDATURE OF COL. WILLIAM JONES (MSC, USUN) TO REPLACE GEORGE LANSKY (US) AS DIRECTOR (D-2) OF THE FIELD OPERATIONS SERVICE. MAYNES TOLD WALDHEIM THAT USYG URQUHART, USYG DAVIDSON AND ASYG TIMBRELL WERE ALL FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH JONES. HOWEVER, A DECISION WAS NEEDED SOON BECAUSE JONES HAD CERTAIN COMMITMENTS WITH THE US ARMY. WALDHEIM REPLIED THAT IF THE ABOVE SECRETARIAT MEMBERS AGREED TO JONES' APPOINTMENT, HE WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG. HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP HOLD OF LANSKY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. MAYNES EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE TIMING PROBLEM. WALDHEIM NODDED HIS HEAD AFFIRMATIVELY AND SAID TO RAFEEUDDIN, "RAFFI, EXPEDITE THE ISSUE." YOUNG

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